

Richland Parish



“Over the years, it has become clear that individual health is closely linked to community health—the health of the community and environment in which individuals live, work, and play. Likewise, community health is profoundly affected by the collective beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors of everyone who lives in the community”

Healthy People 2010

Parish Health Profiles 2005 — Your Parish at a Glance

	Richland	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
ECONOMICS, 2000				
% All persons in poverty	27.9%	19.6%	12.4%	--
% Children under 18 in poverty	39.6%	26.6%	16.6%	--
% Unemployed 16 and over	6.9%	7.3%	5.8%	--
EDUCATION 2002-2003				
School Expenditure per Student	\$7,024	\$6,906	--	--
Student Attendance (average daily attendance as a % of the average number of students enrolled)	93.5%	93.5%	--	--
% High School Drop Outs (as a % of incoming 9th grade)	5.9%	7.0%	--	--
MOTHERS AND CHILDREN, 2002				
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 births)	24.9	10.2	7.0	4.5
% Receiving prenatal care within first 3 months	86.1%	83.8%	83.7%	90.0%
% Receiving adequate prenatal care (modified Kessner)	80.9%	78.9%	76.2%	--
% Low birth weight	11.7%	10.5%	7.7%	5.0%
% Births to teens ages 15 - 19	14.9%	15.5%	10.6%	--
% Children fully immunized by 2 years old	--	69.8%	78.5%	90.0%
INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 2003 (new cases - rate per 100,000 population)				
Syphilis (primary and secondary)	--	4.1	2.5	0.2
Early Syphilis (primary, secondary and early latent)	0.0	8.6	5.4	--
Chlamydia	462.3	469.8	304.3	3.0
Gonorrhea	204.9	265.6	116.2	19.0
Tuberculosis	4.6*	5.8	5.1	1.0
STATEWIDE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH, 2002 (death rate per 100,000 population)				
Heart	408.1	248.4	241.7	166.0
Cancer	315.8	209.7	193.2	159.9
Cerebrovascular Disease	**	57.4	56.4	48.0
Accidents	**	46.7	37.0	17.5
Diabetes	**	39.5	25.4	45.0
Chronic Lower Respiratory	**	37.8	43.3	--
COMMUNITY SAFETY, 2003				
Validated cases of child abuse/neglect (rate per 1,000 population)	7.0	10.9	12.4	10.3
Deaths caused by motor vehicle crashes (rate per 100 Million Vehicle Miles Traveled)	1.0	2.1	1.5	0.8
HEALTH BEHAVIORS, 2004				
	Region 8	Louisiana	U.S.	HP 2010
% Current cigarette smokers (adults 18+)	25.7%	23.5%	21.0%	12.0%
% Obese - BMI>30 (adults 20+)	28.7%	27.0%	31.1%	15.0%
% Having a mammogram within 2 years (women 40+)	72.5%	74.3%	74.6%	70.0%
% Having a pap smear within 3 years (women 18+)	80.4%	85.2%	85.9%	90.0%
% Having a flu shot in past year (adults 65+)	61.5%	68.6%	67.9%	90.0%

Data Sources:

Economics: U.S. Census 2000 Summary File 3 (SF 3) - Sample Data, 2000

Education: Louisiana Department of Education District-reported data submitted to the Student Information System (SIS) end-of-year (EOY) report and Profile of Educational Personnel (PEP) System. Office of Management and Finance, Division of Planning, Analysis and Information Resources. District Composite Report 2003-2004.

Mothers and Children: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005

Infectious Diseases: DHH/OPH, Sexually Transmitted Disease Program. 2004 and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Trends in Reportable Sexually Transmitted Disease in the United States, 2003". NA= Rate not available, # of cases is less than 5

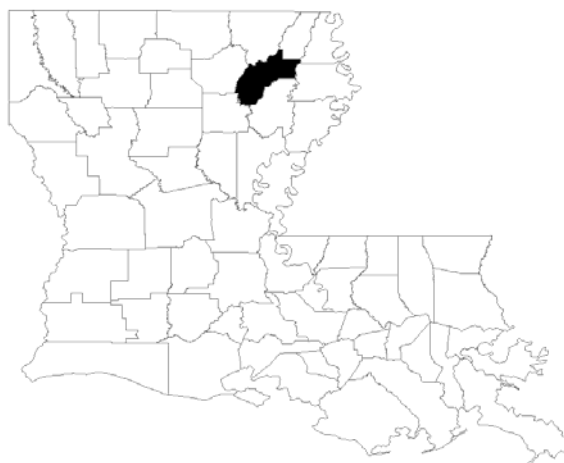
Leading Causes of Death: DHH/OPH, Louisiana State Center for Health Statistics, 2004 Louisiana Health Report Card and National Vital Statistics Reports, Vol. 53, No. 15, February 2005 (**Rates for counts less than 20 are unreliable and are not reported)

Community Safety: Child Abuse--Louisiana Department of Social Services, Office of Community Services, prepared by Prevent Child Abuse Louisiana and Motor Vehicle Deaths--EMS/Injury Research & Prevention Program

Healthy Behaviors: DHH/OPH, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2004

History^{1, 2}

Established on September 29, 1868, Richland Parish takes its name from the extreme fertility of the soil. Certain sections of land now in Richland Parish were included in the land grants of Baron de Bastrop de Maison Rouge, whose obligation it was to bring settlers into the area. These lands in Richland marked the eastern extremity of Bastrop's grant of over a million acres which had made him the largest property holder in the Louisiana Territory at one time.



A source of great pride for Richland Parish as the state's oldest parish library, Rhymes Memorial remained a functioning library from 1929 until 1971. Rhymes was saved from destruction in 1989 and placed on the National Registry of Historical Places. Renovation was completed in 1991 and the building now serves as a meeting/reception hall. It is also a secured display area for major art and historical exhibits and a promotional display hall for local artists and artisans. In addition to Rhymes Memorial Library, the area also tours of historic homes.

Parish Seat³ Rayville

Major Cities (population over 5,000)
N/A

Parish Population⁴

2000.....	20,981
2003 (estimate)	20,623
2000 Population by Race	
White.....	61.0%
African-American	38.0%
Some other race.....	1.0%
Hispanic of Latino (of any race)	1.1%
2000 Population by Age	
Under 5 years	7.4%
5-14	15.1%
15-17	4.8%
18-19	3.2%
20-24	6.8%
25-64	47.7%
65 & over	15.0%

Geography and Statistics⁵

Average elevation	81ft.
Land area in square miles	558
Water area in square miles	6.5

Climate

Average temperatures

Annual	66°
January	49°
July	82°
Annual average rainfall	54 inches

Labor Force (2001)⁶

Richland Parish

Civilian.....	7,960
Employed	7,112
Unemployed.....	848
Unemployment.....	10.7%

Louisiana

Civilian.....	2,055,000
Employed	1,956,500
Unemployed.....	98,500
Unemployment Rate	4.8%

Colleges/Universities (within one hour commute)

- Louisiana Tech University
- University of Louisiana at Monroe

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2. Louisiana Office of Culture Recreation and Tourism, 1998. keywords: regional information, <<http://www.crt.state.la.us/crt/tourism/>>.
3. [Louisiana Almanac](#), 2002-2003 edition, Pelican Publishing Company, Gretna, LA. 2002.
4. U.S. Census Bureau, Summary File 1 (SF 1) and Summary File 3 (SF 3) <<http://www.census.gov>>.
5. U.S. Census Bureau: State and County QuickFacts <<http://www.census.gov>>.
6. Louisiana Department of Labor, Civilian Labor Force Summary <http://www.ldol.state.la.us/forms/lmi/CLF_Parishes_2000-Present.xls>.